



National Lead Co.  
McCook, IL  
Assigned  
8/4/86

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

McCOOK, ILLINOIS 60525

EMIL T. SERGO  
MAYOR

July 23, 1986

Mr. Bob Boden  
Federal EPA, Waste Management Division  
230 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Boden:

Upon the suggestion of Mr. Rich Bartelt, I am requesting assistance from the Federal EPA Technical Assistance Team, to assess a lead contaminated parcel of land in the Village of McCook.

Sometime ago, the National Lead Company, which occupied the site, ceased their operation of processing spent battery plates. A neighboring company became interested in the area but found it to be heavily contaminated with lead. Results of their tests showed the grab sample of top soil to contain 28,000 ppm of lead. It is also suspected that lead may be leaching into the DesPlaines River which runs behind the property. No sampling of the ground water was done at that time.

As Mayor of McCook, I am concerned about the soil and water conditions within our community. Consequently, I am requesting EPA conduct a comprehensive sampling program to determine conclusively the extent of the land and water pollution emanating from the property. Since contamination may be affecting the ground water, I consider the problem to be acute and would appreciate it be given a high priority for investigation. Please contact Deputy Chief Joseph Radzik or Lieutenant Donald Paeth of our Police Department, 447-1237, so arrangements can be made to visit the site. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

Emil T. Sergio, Mayor

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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Honorable  
~~Mr~~ Emil T Sego, Mayor  
Village of McCook  
McCook, Illinois 60525

Dear ~~Mr~~ Mayor Sego:

In response to your letter of July 23, 1986 I have issued a technical direction document to the Region II Technical Assistance Team to conduct a site assessment at the National Lead Company site in McCook. The purpose of this inspection is to determine if the site constitutes a threat to human health and welfare or the environment.

The TAT will contact Deputy Chief Radzick or Lt. Paeth to make the necessary arrangements. I would appreciate it if you would provide the TAT with any information you have regarding this site.

Vty  
J. J. Brandin  
Chief, Emergency Response Section

1 CC - J. C. Brown, DEPA  
A. Borkett.